



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 359

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House Bill No. 5517

House of Representatives, April 3, 2014

The Committee on Commerce reported through REP. PERONE of the 137th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF CONNECTICUT MANUFACTURING WORKFORCE NEEDS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The Department of Economic and
- 2 Community Development shall conduct a study to examine the
- 3 workforce training needs of the manufacturing industry. Such study
- 4 shall include, but not be limited to, (1) a survey of all manufacturing
- 5 businesses in the state to determine current, mid-term and long-term
- 6 job-specific training needs for skilled manufacturing employees, and
- 7 (2) recommendations for how to meet such training needs. Not later
- 8 than January 1, 2015, the department shall report on such study, in
- 9 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
- 10 to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
- 11 cognizance of matters relating to commerce and labor.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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CE *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 15 \$	FY 16 \$
Department of Economic & Community Development	GF - Potential Cost	50,000	None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill results in a total potential cost of \$50,000 by requiring the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) to survey all manufacturing businesses on their workforce training needs and report on its findings. It is anticipated that DECD would require contracted services specializing in manufacturing and labor to develop and administer a survey. The cost may be incurred over two fiscal years (FY 14 and FY 15), depending on when DECD begins the project.

To the extent that DECD can collaborate with manufacturing associations in the state to identify all manufacturers and conduct the survey, the cost may be mitigated.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau's 2011 County Business Patterns Survey, there are nearly 4,400 establishments in Connecticut which are defined as "manufacturing" under the North American Industrial Classification System.

The Out Years

There are no outyear fiscal impacts as the bill requires a report on the study of workforce training needs by January 1, 2015.

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Commerce Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 17 Nay 0 (03/18/2014)